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QUARTERLY REPORT ON CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL AND ALLOY TOOL STEEL

HIGHLIGHTS

During the first quarter (January-March) 1986, compared to the fourth quarter of 1985:

- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION of certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products increased 4 percent to 265,905 tons; increases occurred in all product categories except stainless steel plate.
- U.S. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS remained stable at about 272,000 tons.
- AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT of production and related workers decreased 2 percent to 11,240 workers.
- U.S. PRODUCERS' AND IMPORTERS' PRICES showed noteworthy declines and increases among products. Most producers' prices were lower than in the previous quarter, but importers' prices showed no distinct upward or downward trend overall.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' UNFILLED ORDERS increased 11 percent to 41,805 tons.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' INVENTORIES increased 9 percent to 23,981 tons.

U.S. production and producers' shipments

U.S. production of certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products increased overall from October-December 1985 to January-March 1986. There were production increases in all product categories except stainless steel plate, which continued to follow a downward pattern that began in the third quarter of 1985. The growth in production of stainless bar, wire rod, and alloy tool steel continued the upward trend for these products that began in the third quarter of 1985. U.S. producers' shipments of stainless bar, rod, and alloy tool steel also rose from October-December 1985 to January-March 1986, but concurrent declines in shipments of stainless sheet, strip, and plate resulted in little change in overall shipments during the period.

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Employment and hours worked

The average number of all persons employed in producing certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel decreased from 16,170 persons to 15,567 persons, or by 4 percent, from October-December 1985 to January-March 1986. Employment of production and related workers fell from 11,467 workers to 11,240 workers, or by 2 percent, over the same period. Total employment and production and related worker employment have been decreasing steadily since the second quarter of 1984. The number of hours worked by production and related workers remained stable at about 5.8 million man-hours during the period. Man-hours have followed a generally downward trend since the beginning of 1984.

U.S. producers' prices

Surveys of the weighted average prices of certain domestic stainless steel and alloy tool steel products showed numerous price declines between October 1985 and March 1986, for sales to both service centers and end-users. The decreasing trend in producers' prices marks a reversal of the upward pattern that occurred during the second half of 1985. The most noteworthy price decreases were for * * *.

U.S. importers' prices

Pricing data reported by U.S. importers for stainless steel and alloy tool steel products revealed an almost equal number of price increases and decreases between October 1985 and March 1986, with price declines split between sales to service centers or distributors and sales to end-use customers. The movements continue the fluctuating pattern which has characterized importers' prices since early 1985. Noteworthy price increases

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were recorded in shipments of * * *. Prices for some specifications of * * * exhibited notable decreases during the period.

U.S. importers' unfilled orders and inventories

Data on importers' unfilled orders from foreign sources indicate an overall increase in such orders between December 31, 1985, and March 31, 1986. There were increases in such orders for * * * and continued decreases in orders for * * * during the period. Importers' inventories of * * * decreased between the two quarters, while inventories of * * * rose.

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Table 1.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steels: U.S. production, U.S. producers' shipments, average number of all persons employed, average number of production and related workers employed, and number of man-hours worked by production and related workers, by specified periods, October 1982-March 1986

Period	U.S. production	U.S. producers' shipments	Average number of all persons employed	Average number of production and related workers employed	Man-hours worked by production and related workers
	---tons---				
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	162,178	163,952	13,904	9,312	4,309,228
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	204,170	196,850	15,411	9,725	5,002,444
Apr.-Jun.---	234,292	230,994	14,782	10,069	5,583,320
Jul.-Sep.---	291,662	264,304	18,705	13,503	6,364,524
Oct.-Dec.---	315,624	293,239	19,088	13,652	6,936,212
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	340,076	314,040	19,781	14,551	7,722,925
Apr.-Jun.---	321,407	312,983	19,786	14,611	7,129,428
Jul.-Sep.---	231,874	251,268	19,279	13,961	6,371,301
Oct.-Dec.---	284,644	268,161	19,056	13,660	6,728,275
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---1/	313,391	1/ 307,153	18,336	13,140	6,738,552
Apr.-Jun.---1/	323,894	1/ 313,349	17,836	12,923	6,839,863
Jul.-Sep.---1/	273,340	1/ 279,146	17,077	12,222	6,002,974
Oct.-Dec.---1/	254,487	1/ 272,054	16,170	11,467	5,782,460
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	265,905	272,872	15,567	11,240	5,790,222

1/ Revised.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 2.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. production, by types and by specified periods, October 1982-March 1986

(In tons)

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	107,873	23,145	17,321	5,067	8,772
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	143,081	22,538	21,113	6,195	11,243
Apr.-Jun.---	160,718	23,437	27,105	8,489	14,543
Jul.-Sep.---	215,116	24,690	31,123	8,174	12,559
Oct.-Dec.---	217,471	30,710	37,188	10,893	19,362
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	226,397	29,727	46,701	13,029	24,222
Apr.-Jun.---	201,604	35,433	47,088	13,462	23,820
Jul.-Sep.---	130,361	29,387	41,377	9,615	20,934
Oct.-Dec.---	176,174	33,747	42,782	11,015	20,926
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	203,589	35,734 1/	46,158	10,071	17,839
Apr.-Jun.---	213,547	42,168 1/	44,717	7,338	16,124
Jul.-Sep.---	185,045	34,944 1/	32,367	5,620	15,364
Oct.-Dec.---	164,066	31,658 1/	34,239	7,741	16,783
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	170,519	29,739	37,164	10,098	18,385
1986:					
January-----	60,687	9,183	12,538	3,152	5,928
February----	51,255	9,624	12,328	3,121	6,772
March-------	58,577	10,932	12,298	3,825	5,685

1/ Revised.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 3.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. producers' shipments, by types, by specified periods, October 1982-March 1986

(In tons)

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	107,711	21,512	19,594	5,188	9,947
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	132,297	22,565	24,172	5,976	11,840
Apr.-Jun.---	159,874	24,479	25,380	8,239	13,022
Jul.-Sep.---	192,448	24,314	26,534	7,863	13,145
Oct.-Dec.---	209,154	27,732	32,024	9,918	14,411
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	210,616	29,591	41,436	12,201	20,196
Apr.-Jun.---	201,518	30,680	42,246	14,096	24,443
Jul.-Sep.---	155,535	28,093	38,212	10,434	18,994
Oct.-Dec.---	169,922	28,439	37,476	12,490	19,834
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	205,907	36,108 1/	37,281	9,623	18,234
Apr.-Jun.---	207,267	40,779 1/	40,479	7,232	17,592
Jul.-Sep.---	190,149	36,739 1/	31,550	5,900	14,808
Oct.-Dec.---	183,923	32,018 1/	32,014	8,173	15,926
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	177,724	31,106	36,834	9,436	17,772
1986:					
January-----	57,765	10,555	12,530	3,034	6,044
February----	57,937	10,433	11,679	3,120	5,913
March-------	62,022	10,118	12,625	3,282	5,816

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Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 4.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Average number of all persons employed in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982-March 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.	4,320	1,609	3,497	873	3,605
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.	6,249	1,459	3,422	796	3,485
Apr.-Jun.	5,234	1,514	3,450	1,027	3,557
Jul.-Sep.	8,388	1,542	4,112	1,090	3,573
Oct.-Dec.	8,226	1,498	4,316	1,234	3,814
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.	8,748	1,326	4,490	1,264	3,953
Apr.-Jun.	7,789	1,526	5,016	1,304	4,151
Jul.-Sep.	6,573	1,712	5,700	1,158	4,136
Oct.-Dec.	6,472	1,754	5,385	1,244	4,201
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.	6,555	1,619	5,213	990	3,959
Apr.-Jun.	6,405	1,900	5,658	754	3,119
Jul.-Sep.	6,320	1,845	5,192	706	3,014
Oct.-Dec.	5,985	1,607	4,810	866	2,902
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.	5,353	1,416	4,803	943	3,051
1986:					
January	5,750	1,455	4,791	863	3,005
February	5,145	1,419	4,832	946	3,239
March	5,165	1,375	4,786	1,021	2,908

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 5.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Average number of production and related workers employed in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982-March 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.	3,243	1,162	2,037	476	2,394
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.	3,854	1,056	2,004	456	2,355
Apr.-Jun.	3,842	1,115	2,126	598	2,388
Jul.-Sep.	6,656	1,075	2,656	666	2,450
Oct.-Dec.	6,466	1,115	3,024	780	2,267
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.	6,987	977	3,024	807	2,756
Apr.-Jun.	6,272	1,082	3,496	847	2,914
Jul.-Sep.	5,129	1,220	3,958	735	2,919
Oct.-Dec.	4,983	1,233	3,749	782	2,913
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.	5,099	1,126	3,548	636	2,731
Apr.-Jun.	5,006	1,418	3,852	463	2,184
Jul.-Sep.	4,836	1,337	3,521	443	2,085
Oct.-Dec.	4,527	1,158	3,280	528	1,974
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.	4,023	1,115	3,350	621	2,130
1986:					
January	4,310	1,074	3,303	565	2,105
February	3,861	1,042	3,389	605	2,240
March	3,899	1,228	3,358	694	2,046

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 6.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Number of man-hours worked by production and related workers in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy too' steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982-March 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	1,881,440	390,777	879,812	187,186	970,013
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,384,759	436,443	1,002,148	219,000	960,094
Apr.-Jun.---	2,668,251	465,570	1,106,076	302,000	1,041,423
Jul.-Sep.---	3,020,375	486,076	1,484,447	325,431	1,048,195
Oct.-Dec.---	3,099,366	450,775	1,736,844	408,380	1,240,847
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	3,500,712	480,128	1,898,138	456,520	1,387,427
Apr.-Jun.---	2,820,172	559,518	1,846,557	461,516	1,441,665
Jul.-Sep.---	2,301,369	559,121	1,712,532	365,165	1,433,114
Oct.-Dec.---	2,388,108	645,249	1,837,000	394,702	1,463,216
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,534,419	610,130	1,839,220	333,347	1,421,436
Apr.-Jun.---	2,664,684	845,420	1,963,597	242,741	1,123,421
Jul.-Sep.---	2,476,419	697,449	1,635,601	207,594	985,911
Oct.-Dec.---	2,314,630	625,429	1,592,194	262,699	987,508
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,124,130	559,331	1,713,397	327,497	1,065,867
1986:					
January-----	771,306	178,853	586,690	103,205	339,459
February----	677,004	172,127	543,357	102,431	369,560
March-------	675,820	208,351	583,350	121,861	356,849

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 7a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
		U.S. producers		
1985:				
October------	* * *	1,536	* * *	1,592
November-----	* * *	1,541	* * *	1,578
December-----	* * *	1,527	* * *	1,566
1986:				
January------	1,448 -1,614	1,551	1,533 - 1,673	1,564
February-----	* * *	* * *	1,536 - 1,569	1,545
March--------	* * *	* * *	1,550 - 1,669	1,589
		U.S. importers		
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	1,520 - 1,638	1,549	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 7b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	1,582	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
March--------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 8a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
March	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	-	-		-
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 24 gage, 12" - 24", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 8b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers 2/ and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-
1986:				
January	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	* * *	* * *
March	-	-	-	-
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 24 gage, 12" - 24", coil.
2/ Producers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 9a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	1,937	* * *	2,045
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
March--------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 9b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	-	-	-	-
March--------	-	-	-	-
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

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Table 10a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	-	-	-	-
November	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	1,332	* * *	1,367
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	1,326 - 1,565	1,417	1,366 - 1,565	1,451

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 20 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

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Table 10b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers 2/ and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 20 gage, 36" - 48", coil.
2/ Producers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

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Table 11a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
		U.S. producers		
1985:				
October	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February	* * *	* * *	1,834 - 1,962	1,881
March	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
		U.S. importers		
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 11b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January	-	-	-	-
February	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
March	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 12a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U. S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	2,660 - 2,701	2,676
February-----	* * *	* * *	2,640 - 2,701	2,655
March--------	* * *	* * *	2,617 - 2,701	2,664
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	-	-	-	-
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316L, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 12b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
March	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	2,675	* * *	2,745
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316L, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 13a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	1,998 - 2,083	2,030
February-----	* * *	* * *	1,992 - 2,083	2,007
March--------	* * *	* * *	1,720 - 2,083	1,844
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 13b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
March--------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 14a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	2,420 - 2,506	2,445
February-----	* * *	* * *	2,440 - 2,506	2,456
March--------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	-	-	-	-
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 14b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
November-----	-	-	-	-
December-----	-	-	-	-
1986:				
January------	-	-	-	-
February-----	-	-	-	-
March--------	-	-	-	-
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 15a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	* * *	2,320	* * *	2,474
November	* * *	2,283	* * *	2,477
December	* * *	2,281	* * *	2,548
1986:				
January	1,635 - 2,428	2,133	2,201 - 2,501	2,329
February	2,021 - 2,340	2,204	2,150 - 2,440	2,323
March	1,913 - 2,360	2,270	2,032 - 2,583	2,339
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, cold-formed, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 15b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	3,426
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	2,380
December-----	* * *	2,919	* * *	2,746
1986:				
January------	1,420 - 4,080	2,533	2,086 - 4,080	2,625
February-----	2,078 - 4,300	2,823	2,1740 - 4,300	2,915
March--------	* * *	* * *	2,418 - 4,060	3,052
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, cold-formed, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 16a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U. S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	2,548	* * *	2,798
November-----	* * *	2,830	* * *	2,999
December-----	* * *	2,829	* * *	3,522
1986:				
January------	2,450 - 2,900	2,680	2,642 - 3,248	2,761
February-----	2.446 - 3,076	2,707	2,595 - 3,089	2,759
March--------	2,420 - 2,878	2,483	2,660 - 3,351	2,757
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 303, cold-formed, 20/32" - 31/32", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 16b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	3,184	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	3,290	* * *	3,719
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	2,680 - 3,234	3,145	* * *	* * *
February-----	2,680 - 3,320	3,057	* * *	* * *
March--------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 303, cold-formed, 20/32" - 31/32", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 17a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	producers			
1985:				
October	* * *	2,146	* * *	2,218
November	* * *	2,196	* * *	2,440
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January	1,860 - 2,340	1,989	1,960 - 2,350	2,054
February	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
March	1,840 - 2,400	2,098	1,960 - 2,400	2,161
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	2,068	* * *	2,147
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	1,880 - 2,300	1,995	1,880 - 2,778	2,217

1/ Grade 304, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 17b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	2,506	* * *	2,899
November-----	* * *	2,447	* * *	2,699
December-----	* * *	2,546	* * *	2,748
1986:				
January------	1,800 - 2,318	1,984	1,800 - 2,600	2,286
February-----	1,800 - 3,230	2,099	1,800 - 3,979	2,412
March--------	1,900 - 2,260	2,184	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

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Table 18a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	2,165	* * *	2,273
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	2,110	* * *	2,193
1986:				
January------	1,100 - 2,260	1,805	1,100 - 2,280	1,868
February-----	1,994 - 2,400	2,146	2,116 - 2,428	2,174
March--------	1,100 - 1,900	1,631	1,100 - 2,084	1,987
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 410, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

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Table 18b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	2,349	* * *	2,769
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	2,853
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	1,000 - 2,540	1,489	1,000 - 3,210	1,961
February-----	* * *	* * *	1,000 - 3,222	2,092
March--------	1,000 - 3,024	1,576	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 410, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

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Table 19.--Stainless steel wire rod 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	* * *	* * *	* * *	1,792
November	* * *	1,651	* * *	1,758
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	1,775
1986:				
January	* * *	* * *	1,689 - 1,832	1,747
February	1,614 - 1,700	1,634	1,656 - 1,734	1,699
March	1,577 - 1,700	1,629	1,675 - 1,811	1,761
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	1,730	* * *	1,727
1986:	1,620 - 1,930	1,751	* * *	* * *
Jan.-Mar.				

1/ Grades 302 or 304, .217" - .250", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 20.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	2,835	* * *	* * *
November-----	* * *	3,288	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	2,709
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	2,080 - 4,772	2,654
February-----	* * *	* * *	2,080 - 4,415	2,732
March--------	* * *	* * *	2,080 - 3,915	2,707
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	2,584	* * *	* * *
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade H-13, annealed, rough-turned, 3 1/8" - 5 1/16", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 21.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October	* * *	7,060	* * *	7,465
November	* * *	6,963	* * *	7,229
December	* * *	* * *	* * *	7,280
1986:				
January	5,280 - 7,220	6,913	6,864 - 8,272	7,322
February	6,350 - 7,280	6,980	6,729 - 7,699	6,982
March	5,580 - 7,440	6,215	6,212 - 7,449	6,765
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.	* * *	* * *	* * *	6,642
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade M-2, annealed, centerless ground or rough turned, 1 13/16" - 3", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 22.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U. S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	* * *	* * *	4,160
November-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
December-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
1986:				
January------	1,947 - 4,360	4,032	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *	* * *	3,658 - 4,325	3,835
March--------	* * *	* * *	3,732 - 4,220	3,904
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	4,212
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	2,843 - 4,400	3,787

1/ Grade D-2, annealed, rough turned, 4 1/16" - 6", round.

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Table 23.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, October 1985 - March 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1985:				
October------	* * *	5,421	* * *	6,178
November-----	* * *	5,577	* * *	6,097
December-----	* * *	5,661	* * *	6,057
1986:				
January------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *	* * *	5,300 - 6,963	5,825
March--------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1985:				
Oct.-Dec.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	4,425
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade D-2, annealed, cold finish, decarb free, 2" - 2 1/2" thick, 3" - 4" wide, flat.

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Table 24.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' unfilled orders from foreign sources, by types, as of December 31, 1985 and March 31, 1986.

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1985:						
Dec. 31	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	37,532
1986:						
Mar. 31	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	41,605

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Table 25.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' inventories, by types, as of December 31, 1985 and March 31, 1986

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1985:						
Dec. 31	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	22,010
1986:						
Mar. 31	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	23,981

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